

**Amendments to the Abstract (substitute specification filed April 26, 2004):**

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

An embodiment of an information backup-processing system according to the present invention comprises a first computing system including a first local disk that includes a first disk driver. The first computing system also includes first local RAM, a first network interface that is connected to a computer network and includes a first network driver. A first device driver/bridge responsive to communications from the first network driver and the first disk drive writes data to and reads data from the first local RAM. A second computing system also includes second local RAM and a second network interface that is connected to the computer network and includes a second network driver. A second device driver/bridge responsive to communications from the second network driver and the second disk driver writes data to and reads data from the second local RAM.